

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. MURAMATSU et al  
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Examiner: J. Taylor  
For: PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC  
ACID SAMPLE FOR RARE EXPRESSED GENES  
AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE  
PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-21, and add new claims 22-27 as follows:

--22. A method for preparation of RNA sample including rare expressed genes, comprising the steps of:

(1) hybridizing an RNA having one or plural abundant expressed genes with probes, said abundant expressed genes each having a known sequence, said probes hybridizing specifically with the known sequences of said abundant expressed genes;

(2) recovering rare expressed genes not hybridized with the probes.

--23. A method for preparation of RNA sample including rare expressed genes, comprising the steps of:

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